THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

JAKOB ET AL.

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Title: Granular Sodium Carbonate Obtained by Fluid-Bed Spray Granulation

AND A PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 14, 2003, wherein the pending claims were objected to and variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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